

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew D. Rabdau (Reg. No. 43, 026) on June 9, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- A) Claim 1 line 16 change the word "adjudging" to adjusting.
 - B) Claim 8 line 23 add to the claim language "if the elapsed time exceeds a predetermined hysteresis time"
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Choi (US 6,473,129) in view of Taniguchi et al (US 6,445,679) teach extracting an information element from the transport stream, generating a message of a predetermined type dependent on the extracted information element; assigning a priority to the message and other features. Choi in view of Taniguchi does not teach "wherein the adjusting step comprises the steps of: increasing the variable threshold priority level to a higher level" and other features of the newly amended claims of 1, 8, 19, and 21 that have been added to the claims dated February 17, 2010.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHIKAODILI E. ANYIKIRE whose telephone number is (571)270-1445. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7:30 am to 5 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272 - 7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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